

## ALLIES WOULD OCCUPY ESSEN

And Frankfurt Unless Germany Agrees to Terms, Persistent Rumor.

### FORCE ONLY ARGUMENT

London, Dec. 5.—(A. P.)—There is a persistent rumor in the stock exchange that the supreme council of the peace conference had threatened Germany that unless the final peace terms were agreed to, allied troops would occupy Essen and Frankfurt. Up to this time the rumor has not been affected by the official announcement that Field Marshal Wilson has gone to Paris in response to "an urgent summons" to consult Marshal Foch in connection with the peace treaty. It is reported by some morning newspapers of considerable significance. It is stated alongside the address made in Glasgow last evening by Andrew Bonar Law, in which he said he believed the allies had the power and the necessary will to exercise it, to insure the execution of the Versailles treaty. It is suggested steps to exert pressure on Germany may be imminent.

There has been enough solemn and warning at the Germans, who have come to believe in the threat to the allies, says the Daily Mail, in commenting on the situation. "A wise and merciful course would be to tell them plainly that it is within a short time they do not comply with the terms of the blockade will be relaxed."

To induce Germans to sign. Paris, Dec. 5.—(A. P.)—Coercion is the only argument likely to make an impression upon the Germans and induce them to sign the protocol of the peace treaty, according to today's newspapers. It is said this conclusion was reached at the secret session of the council of five yesterday, at which Marshal Foch was present.

It is reported the marshal understood to execute the plan he drafted last June, the mere threat of which brought German plenipotentiaries to Versailles. During the meeting, says the Echo de Paris, Premier Clemenceau and Marshal Foch stated that the unexpected departure of the German plenipotentiaries from the council of five yesterday, at which Marshal Foch was present.

The secret meeting held by the supreme council yesterday with Marshal Foch and Gen. Weigand, the marshal's assistant in attendance, has provoked a great amount of speculation as to eventual military action across the Rhine in case Germany does not reply satisfactorily to the final note regarding the protocol.

The American troops on the Rhine now number 12,000 men. No question as yet arisen whether they would participate in any action undertaken by the French and British.

Field Marshal Sir Henry Hughes

### MINERS TO BE GIVEN ONE MORE CHANCE

Nashville, Dec. 5.—Speaking today with reference to the address he is to make to miners and operators tomorrow morning at Knoxville, Gov. Roberts said today:

"If I am going to make one more effort to settle the strike in the state on an amicable basis, and if that fails, then I am going into the courts."

Wilson, chief of the British imperial staff, arrived in Paris today. The plan for action against Germany drafted by Marshal Foch last June, mentioned in the dispatches, was ready for putting into effect in the event the Germans had finally decided to sign the Versailles peace treaty. It contemplated a rapid advance into Germany from the occupied zone by the British, American and French armies. A drive of from forty to sixty miles in depth all along the allied line was contemplated. Cavalry was to have been employed, together with armored cars, to protect the infantry, who were to have been rushed forward in motor trucks in a dash that would, it was predicted, have broken all records for a rapid military advance.

Germany Protests. Paris, Dec. 5.—Germany's reply to the allied note protesting against the increase of Germany's armament, has reached Paris, according to the Temps. The reply has not yet been submitted to the peace conference delegates, however, the newspaper says.

### Mexico's Airplane Strength Reported by Gen. Mitchell

Washington, Dec. 5.—Mexico has twenty-four war type airplanes mobilized at Chihuahua City alone, and is obtaining additional planes from Germany, according to the department of state. Information given to the house military committee today by Brig.-Gen. Mitchell, chief of operation of the army air service, the department also has information. Gen. Mitchell said that former pilots in the German army are arriving in Mexico for service in the army air forces there.

The United States, Gen. Mitchell said, has produced practically no aerial war equipment since the armistice, and consequently is not capable of meeting any first-class power in the air today, as foreign countries have continued development of war-time air equipment.

Although the army owns 100 foreign-built pursuit planes, these could not be used for combat work, he said, adding that they would be of value only for training duty, as they were out of date.

Gen. Mitchell urged immediate unification of all governmental air activities with manufacture of planes and equipment by private industries operating under some form of a government subsidy.

Present developments of aviation point to an early radical change in naval policies, he said. Radio communication between airplanes and submarines will eventually drive surface warships from the sea, he said.

### Charged With Arson to Hide Larceny of Platinum

Richmond, Va., Dec. 5.—Dabney Chenshaw IV, son of a wealthy Richmond man, was released from custody today following a decision rendered in habeas corpus proceedings in the city circuit court. Young Chenshaw, who was a student at the University of Virginia, was tried three times on the charge of setting fire to the chemical laboratory at the institution to hide the alleged theft of platinum. He recently had been confined at the state hospital for criminal insanity.

## ANXIOUS OVER FIUME AFFAIR

Diplomatic Exchanges Seeking Solution Still in Progress.

### ROMAN SOLONS IN UPROAR

London, Dec. 5.—Diplomatic exchanges between London and Paris regarding a solution of the Adriatic problem were understood to be still in progress today. In view of the serious political situation which has developed in Italy as a result of the activities of the radical socialists and the strike, the allies are anxious to bring about a settlement of the Fiume trouble this month. An exchange of telegraph dispatch from Rome stating that Gabriele D'Annunzio's Italian forces were withdrawing from Fiume and that the city would be occupied by Italian regulars was evidently premature. So far as known now the only troops that left Fiume were the contingents sent to other of the Dalmatian coast.

Mantua Again Quiet. Rome, Dec. 5.—The order for the discontinuance of the general strike called after the opening of parliament has been generally obeyed. Quiet has been restored in Mantua, where Italian strikers seized the city and held it for several hours. The soldiers on guard were seized and disarmed and the prison was attacked.

Tumult Precipitated. Rome, Dec. 5.—The chamber of deputies was in an uproar yesterday over socialist charges against the government.

Deputy Daragana, a socialist, said that Monday's "shameful events" and happenings at Fiume gave the impression that the government was unable to control the situation, otherwise it would not have allowed militarism to crush a "popular demonstration."

"The government must show that the army obeys it and not the militarist parties," he said. "If you cannot do this, let the proletariat take your place. Acting as you do you are preparing for the revolution you fear so much."

Although the socialist rose, Premier Nitti replied that the recent elections showed the government protected the liberties of everybody, saying: "Nobody was killed throughout the country."

Through the socialist rose, shouting: "Nine were killed at Lodi alone." The tumult prevented the premier from continuing for some minutes.

### Reduction of Industry Runs Up to Millions

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Chicago industry today began to stand a daily reduction of \$3,000,000 in output, while the workers, thousands with their working hours reduced by an hour and a half a day—other thousands entirely idle through the closing down of non-essential industries—face a cut of more than \$1,000,000 in their pay checks—the result of this city's fight to conserve coal.

The six and half-hour business schedule went into effect today. With the exception of highly essential industries, hotels, groceries, meat markets and other business houses dependent in any way upon coal for light, heat or power, are operating on a six and one-half-hour schedule.

In many shops and stores such as candy shops, barber shops, cigar stores and others listed as non-essentials, candle lights and acetylene lamps are being used.

### Maximum Effect of Coal Strike Felt in New York

New York, Dec. 5.—The maximum effect of the coal strike was felt here today. Heat was turned off in subway, elevated and surface cars during the rush hours and the bunkering of foreign ships was discontinued. Cold weather caused much discomfort among persons using the electric railways to get to work.

Beginning tonight the great electric signs which made Broadway famous as the "Great White Way" will be discontinued except for an hour between 7:30 and 8:30.

By these measures of economy it is proposed to save more than 1,000 tons of coal daily here.

## EDELSTEIN AND BRODY FINED

Forfeiture Taken Friday on Bond Given by Lieut. S. M. Gray.

Sentences of \$25 and costs on the charge of larceny and \$10 and costs on the charge of keeping a disorderly house were imposed by Judge S. D. McReynolds on Abe Edelstein and E. Brody in criminal court Friday.

They received no fine on the whiskey charge against them, but were compelled to pay the costs of the case. Indictments against them were returned by the grand jury and grew out of the recent investigation of circumstances leading to the death of Billie Crawford.

It was stated in the indictments that Edelstein and Brody, who were charged with larceny of a \$100,000 safe, were found in a cabin on Signal mountain visited by Edelstein, Brody, Lieut. Gray and Tucker, in company with the late Billie Crawford.

Forfeiture was taken on the bond of Lieut. Sherrill M. Gray. He was not present when the case against him was called. He was charged with larceny of a \$100,000 safe, and Brody, Eugene Williams appeared as counsel for Gray and stated that the officer was now in Massachusetts, having located there on his active tour after his discharge from the army. Atty.-Gen. Chambliss insisted that it had been promised him by Attorney Williams that he would have Gray here at the time of the trial, and to this Williams entered a denial.

Edelstein and Brody pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny and kept a disorderly house, but insisted that they had no whiskey in the cabin, declaring that what state authorities found there was only wine.

Walter G. Tucker, the other principal character in the Crawford case, will be given a hearing next Monday charged with vagrancy. Nobody seems to know the present whereabouts of Tucker, it is stated, but he is under bond of \$5,000, which is signed by his father and several acquaintances of his.

### Volunteers Prepare to Begin Work in Coal Mines

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 5.—Following the issuance of a proclamation by Gov. Gardner, taking over the Barton county coal mines, tents, blankets and provisions were being collected today for the volunteer workers and the entire national guard force of Missouri notified to hold itself ready for instant call.

Many men, it is understood, already have volunteered and are in getting out Missouri coal and every arrangement, it is said, has been made to start production of coal this afternoon. State forces should be authorized to return to the mines by noon.

Several companies of the Seventh regiment, N. G. M., already are in Barton county.

### Creation of Air Service Department Is Favored

Washington, Dec. 5.—Favorable report on a bill providing for the establishment of a separate department of aeronautics was ordered today by the senate military committee. The vote was 5 to 2.

Senators Hitchcock, of Nebraska, and Fletcher, of Florida, democrats, voted against the measure on the ground that it would complicate the governmental machinery and increase costs of operation. The bill, which was introduced before the committee by both Secretaries Baker and Daniels, would place the department under the direction of a chief of the air service who would be appointed by the president with the senate's approval, and would be a member of the cabinet at a salary of \$12,000 annually. The department would have control of the air services of the army, navy and coast and geodetic survey, and would be charged with the development of science of aeronautics both commercial and military standpoint. Provision was made in the bill for training of independent combat units, which the president in time of war or during maneuvers or target practice would be authorized to attach to the armed military or naval forces.

### Looks to Uncle Sam Help Over Financial Aid

Washington, Dec. 5.—Unless the European nations with which the United States was associated in the World war are given assistance by this country in their efforts to readjust their financial obligations the United States treasury will have to be drawn on to meet further payments to foreign countries to whom the American government advanced loans during the war.

This was the warning voiced in the senate this afternoon by Senator Leonard, republican of Connecticut, chairman of the senate banking and currency committee, when immediate consideration of the conference report on the Edge bill to permit federal authorization of concerns doing an international business was blocked by Senators La Follette, republican, of Wisconsin, and Cummings, republican, of Iowa.

### INCREASE IN PAY VOTED

Washington, Dec. 5.—A flat increase in pay of 10 per cent. for officers and 20 per cent. for enlisted men of the army, navy and marine corps, was voted today by the senate military affairs committee.

The provision of the bill if passed would add \$20,000,000 to the payroll of the military and naval establishments.

### SOLDIERS TO GUARD MINE

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 5.—Two squadrons of "The United States" cavalry are expected to arrive from Columbus, N. M., Saturday, for duty in the Oklahoma coal fields. They will be used as guards at pit and strip mines, which are to be operated by volunteer unskilled labor, according to Governor Robertson.

### MAIL CHRISTMAS PARCELS EARLY IS ADVISED

Washington, Dec. 5.—Mail Christmas parcels early and avoid disappointment. This was the admonition today of the postoffice department and is due to the fact that the coal strike has caused a reduction of train service on some railroads and further curtailment will doubtless be necessary as the strike continues.

This condition makes the early mailing of Christmas parcels this year more than usually important, says the department in a message to postmasters.

### Denies Strike Ended

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 5.—The report from Wheeling, W. Va., that the steel strike had been declared off was denied at the headquarters of the steel strike national committee here today. Secretary Foster could not be reached. It was said he was out of town.

### CONSIDERS PREWAR DEBT

Paris, Dec. 5.—The question of the share of the prewar debt of Austria-Hungary to be borne by Jugo-Slavia was considered by the supreme council today. The council examined items presented by the Jugo-Slav representatives in the shape of claims for offsets to Austria's part of this debt.

### COMING IN FEBRUARY

London, Dec. 5.—The American crew of the giant dirigible R-38, which the United States is purchasing from England, will arrive in February, it was learned today. The Americans will be carefully trained in manning the airship by the British air corps.

### VIOLATION OF LEVER ACT

Nashville, Dec. 5.—Charging them with violating the Lever act as amended Oct. 22 last, United States District Attorney Lee Douglas today swore out warrants against fifteen meat dealers doing business in the city markethouse.

### SHIPPING WILL BE TIED UP

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 5.—Thousands of tons of shipping will be tied up in Savannah under the order of the United States district court here today. The order prohibits bunkering of foreign ships until further notice. Wooden vessels owned by the United States Shipping board will be able to clear their arrival, crews discharged save for the necessary watch and none operated further pending a clearing up of the coal situation. No American ship destined to foreign ports will be bunkered without special permit.

Already the port is running at top pace to keep the ships and commerce moving. This fuel conservation order will have a tendency to cause more congestion here.

### BANDITS SURROUNDED

Los Angeles, Dec. 5.—Surrounded on the desert near Victorville by escape almost impossible, Art and Bert Brown, bandits who robbed the union Commercial Trust and Savings bank of \$28,000, were fighting a desperate gun battle with Los Angeles deputy sheriffs today.

Word was received at the sheriff's office that shots were being exchanged between the deputies and the bandits, who were cornered after they abandoned their automobile.

In the car were Mrs. Art Brown and her three small children, who had fled with her husband and his brother following the daring daylight robbery.

### MARY LYNCH SUNK

New York, Dec. 5.—The schooner Mary A. Lynch was sunk in a collision with a tug in North river today. Members of the crew are missing. The captain of the vessel was saved.

### ENTERTAINED IN SAN SALVADOR

San Salvador, Dec. 5.—President Mendez is entertaining the commander and officers of the United States cruiser Cleveland at a hunting party at his country estate. The hunt will start next Monday.

### DEATH KNEEL OF HOME BREW

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 5.—The death knell of the "home brew," a product that has done yeoman duty since Michigan became dry, was sounded today when James J. Grogan, internal revenue collector for this district, issued orders that all concerns dealing in the required ingredients immediately cease selling them.

### SEIZURE OF MINES EXPECTED

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 5.—Seizure by the state of Michigan coal mines is expected momentarily following rejection by the miners, today, of a proposition made them and coal operators to resume work on a basis of 14 per cent. increase in wages with that settlement at whatever rate is agreed to between the two parties in the controversy.

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### Czecho-Slovak Troops Are Marching Upon Hungary

Copenhagen, Dec. 5.—Twenty-one divisions of Czecho-Slovak troops are marching upon Hungary, according to an unconfirmed report from Vienna today.

### Hapgood to Make Report On Russian Situation

Washington, Dec. 5.—Norman Hapgood, American minister to Denmark, is coming home to make a personal report to the state department on the Russian situation, conceding that he has received much valuable information since going to Copenhagen.

### Woman's Trial as Accessory Murder of Husband Pending

Dayton, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Mrs. Annie Miller is on trial here today, charged with being an accessory before the fact to the killing of her husband, Dr. G. A. Miller, which occurred at Grayville in 1918. It is charged by the state that Mrs. Miller procured her 12-year-old son, Alfred

Hawkins, to fire the shot that ended Dr. Miller's life. Young Hawkins waited for his stepfather, Dr. Miller, and fired from ambush the fatal shot. The boy was tried and sentenced to the reform school for a long term. Since the death of Dr. Miller Mrs. Miller has again married, her name now being Mrs. Annie Miller Cooper. The case of the accused woman is now in the hands of the jury. The state is represented by Atty.-Gen. Ben C. McKenzie, George H. Wren and J. B. Swafford, while Attorney Gordon McKenzie, Col. W. L. Given, Fred Jewell and Judge C. H. Burdick of Oakdale, are representing the defense.

### MOVING CARS TO TOLEDO

Toledo, O., Dec. 5.—Preparatory to a resumption of service at 3:30 p.m. the Toledo Railway and Light company early today started the movement of cars back into the city from Michigan, where they were taken a month ago by the company after an outbreak of violence was approved by a vote of the people.

### OFFERS \$100,000 PRIZE

New York, Dec. 5.—A prize of \$100,000 has been offered for the invention of an airplane which will rise and descend vertically. Announcement of the offer, made by Edouard and Andre Michelin, French tire manufacturers, through the Aero Club of America, made today by the Aero Club of America.

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Round Steak	.....25c
Porterhouse Steak	.....25c
Chuck Steak	.....17½c
Stew Meat	.....15c
Roast	.....17½c
Pork Chops	.....35c
Pork Steak	.....35c
Spare Ribs	.....28c
Country Backbone	.....25c
Pork Roast	.....30c
Pork Melts	.....10c
Pig Ears	.....10c
Pig Tails	.....17½c
Hog Chitterlings	.....12½c
Beef Loin	.....15c
Brains	.....15c
Neckbones	.....12½c
Lamb Legs	.....25c
Lamb Stew	.....17½c
Lamb Shoulders	.....20c
Pure Pork Country Sausage	.....35c
Mixed Pork Sausage	.....20c
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1-Burner Perfection Oil Stoves	.....\$ 5.25
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9x12 Brussels; \$37.00 value	.....\$27.00
9x12 Wilton; \$80.00 value	.....\$65.00
9x12 Wilton; \$110.00 value	.....\$80.00
9x12 Wilton; \$150.00 value	.....\$95.00
<b>KITCHEN CABINETS</b>	
\$32.00 value	.....\$24.50
\$55.00 value	.....\$38.00
\$65.00 value	.....\$45.00
<b>IRON BEDS</b>	
\$24.00 value	.....\$18.00
\$25.00 value	.....\$18.50
\$30.00 value	.....\$21.50
\$35.00 value	.....\$26.00
<b>ROCKERS</b>	
\$ 5.00 value	.....\$ 3.50
\$10.00 value	.....\$ 7.50
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